CHAPTER CHAIR'S REPORT

Over a year ago we began work on a fundraising effort to match a challenge grant from the Stanley Works. Stanley had contributed $4,000 to the Connecticut Chapter and was willing to give an additional $2,000, provided our chapter raised at least $4,000 from other corporate donors. Many chapter volunteers actively sought funds from the corporate community. As the deadline for meeting this goal approached, we were far from the $4,000 level when one of our members proved the old baseball adage right, "It ain't over till it's over." I salute Ken Richardson who spearheaded the volunteers' efforts to not only reach the goal but to go beyond it. The Chapter will spend the money primarily for items relating to the Silver Hill shelter near the Appalachian Trail.

We witnessed considerable change in the structure of the Club this past year. The new AMC bylaws were resoundingly passed thanks in part to a dedicated effort by volunteers in our Chapter. You may have noticed that Connecticut Chapter members have become increasingly involved on the national level of the AMC and that they have contributed greatly to the club's professional management.

As of this writing (in mid-October), we have received more than 210 calls in 1990 to the AMC phone from people requesting information about the AMC. In 1989 we had over 290 calls to the AMC phone. There is great interest among the public in the preservation and enjoyment of the outdoors, and I believe there is heightened awareness of the Connecticut Chapter of the AMC. We succeeded in attracting several articles regarding our efforts this past year, and our membership has grown, perhaps, as a result of the public relations.

I want to acknowledge the dedication the members of the Executive Committee who gave so much of their time attending the meetings we held as well as representing our chapter at special events such as Earth Day, the Boy Scouts 80th anniversary, the Peace Climb presentation and the New Haven Waterfest. Without the commitment of the Executive Committee and the commitment of their committee members, we would never have enjoyed the wonderful programs we did this past year.

Please welcome the new Chapter Chair and the new Executive Committee. The Executive Committee has its work cut out for it in developing programs and recruiting additional volunteers. Ask yourself if you can help out. As someone once said, "You can get what you want by helping others get what they want."

Thanks to David Cullen for the idea for Family Day. I look forward to more successful family days with the AMC...as well as a few more "family days" at home with my loved ones who have been behind me all the way these past two years!

Glen Parchmann
Connecticut Chapter Chair
The 36th Annual Meeting of the Connecticut Chapter of the Appalachian Mountain Club was held at the Days Inn in Meriden, CT on Saturday, December 2, 1989. 344 people attended the morning and evening sessions. Chapter Chair Glen Parham welcomed the business meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Glen introduced Norm Billings who provided information on the AMC Biannual Conference, which will be co-hosted by our chapter on July 19-21, 1991. The conference, which was sponsored by the Meriden Blue Trail Club, will be held at Williams College in Massachusetts. A special thanks went to Program Committee Chair Fay Dresner, Registrar Dick Bates and Mary Dorsalen, Secretary.

A moment of silence was observed for the members of the Connecticut Chapter who had passed away during the past year.

Two Connecticut Chapter members were awarded patches for completing the Blue Trails System. Donna Arata and Kenneth Roth were welcomed into the CT 400 Club.

Glen then recognized the following special guests: Wayne Poole, Sue Hardy, Norm Billings, Peter Sandwater, Linda Hoch, Fred Sawyer, and Bob Bentley.

Andy Faehner, executive Director of the Appalachian Mountain Club, was introduced by Glen. Andy recognized one other special guest, Betty Bourret, P.H. of Proctor. He spoke briefly about the importance of the club's future and the importance of all the chapters. A special thanks was extended to Jane Simone, membership Chair, for his accomplishments.

First Chair Gary Stanton and Mary Dorsalen came forward to recognize all the members of the club for their contributions.

First Year Award Winners
Elizabeth Buckley
Peter Dorsalen
Mary Dorsalen
Gil Effer
Tom Galante
Sue Hardy
Marjorie Herzenberg
Arlo Herzenberg
Norm Hickson
Anne Millbrooke
Carolyn Olsen
Glen Palmers
Rich Himig

First Year Award Winners Continued
Betty Robinson
Carl Rosenthal
Dick Rubbock
Bill Schumacher
Mary Dorsalen
Joan Tait

Nine fifty-year members were recognized, although none were able to attend: Radar Barron, John Graves, M. Frederick Rosenn, Irwin Greenspan, Cornelius Ainge, John Gardner, Richard Sander, Paul Harrington, and Alice Felows.

Past Chairs in attendance were asked to stand: Anne Bailey, Linda Clayton, Gary Hardy, Sue Hardy, John Herr, Gordon Moulton, Trish Wiese, and Bill Commott.

Glen next extended his appreciation to the following outgoing members of the Executive Committee: Gary Duran, Treasurer, Gary Stanton, Excursions Co-Chair; Susan Joy, FCC Chair; and Fay Dresner, Program Chair.

The Secretary's report was accepted as printed in the 1989 annual report. The treasurer's report was also accepted as presented.

The nominating committee was thanked for its diligence in putting together the 1990 slate: Steve Bracchi, Peter Dorsalen, Betty Gates, Jeanea Thomson, and Mary Mahan, Chair.

Dave Whelan presented the slate of nominees for 1990 as follows:

Glen Palmers, Chairman
Mary Dorsalen, Secretary
Don Patterson, Treasurer
Don Ely
Francis Leinwand
Mary Dorsalen
Arthur Gessell
Janet Simon
Ed Boyce
Paul Lewis
Gordon Gavrin
Doug Christie
Ed Ross
Dick Plokk
Jeff D'Onofrio
Trish Wiese

The secretary cast one ballot for the above named slate.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Mary Dorsalen
Chapter Secretary
TREASURER'S REPORT
FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1989

Cash at January 1, 1989:
Cash Held by Treasurer:
Harbor National Bank - Certificate $10,000.00
Harbor National Bank - Checking 1,450.96
Society for Savings - Memorial Account 739.24

Total Held by Treasurer $12,190.25

Cash Held by Committees:
Whitewater $1,776.19
Mt. Riga 2,555.90

Total Held by Committees 4,332.09

Total Cash $16,522.35

Revenues Collected:
AMC Dues Collected $15,361.50
Program Activity Collections 9,278.40
Grants Received 5,045.00
Charter Merchandise Sales and Advertising 2,203.00
Contributions Received 25.00
Interest Income 1,076.61
Net Increase in Mt. Riga Cash Balance 697.91
Net Increase in Whitewater Cash Balance 80.66

Total Revenue 33,817.48

Total Available Funds $50,329.97

Expenditures Made:
Cost of Program Activities $8,697.75
Cost of Used Equipment and Books 1,351.44
Cost of Merchandise Purchased 652.70
Contributions Made (Note 1) 1,690.00
Location deposits 230.00
Committee/Administration Operating Expenses:
Administration 3,531.59
Conservation 289.54
Education - 0 -
Excursions 1,345.17
Fairfield County 447.05
Membership 1,217.65
Mountaineering 78.40
Newsletter 1,706.52
Program 387.99
Trails 5,939.80

Total Expenditures 28,065.60

Cash at December 31, 1989 $22,274.37

Cash at December 31, 1989:
Cash Held by Treasurer:
Harbor National Bank - Certificate $10,597.55
Harbor National Bank - Checking 5,781.81
Society for Savings - Memorial Account 784.95

Total Held by Treasurer $17,164.31

Cash Held by Committees:
Whitewater $1,856.25
Mt. Riga 3,253.81

Total Held by Committees 5,110.06

Total Cash $22,274.37

Note 1 - The following 1989 contributions were made in 1989:

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Paul Maresca, Treasurer
TREASURER'S REPORT
FOR THE TEN MONTHS ENDED OCTOBER 31, 1990

Cash at January 1, 1990:
Cash Held by Treasurer:
Harbor National Bank - Certificate $  0
Harbor National Bank - Checking  10,597.55
The Village Bank - Checking        5,781.95
Society for Savings - Memorial Account             784.95
Total Held by Treasurer $17,164.41

Cash Held by Committees:
whitewater  1,856.25
Mt. Riga      3,253.81
Total Held by Committees $  5,110.06
Total Cash $22,274.37

Revenue Collected:
AMC Dues Collected $11,184.00
Program Activity Collections 12,035.00
Grants Received (Note 1) 4,441.37
Chapter Merchandise Sales and Advertising 219.00
Contributions Received 771.00
Interest Income 775.14
Net Increase in Mt. Riga Cash Balance 1,172.93
Net Increase in Whitewater Cash Balance 123.74
Total Revenue $28,376.32
Total Available Funds $250,650.59

Expenditures Made:
Cost of Program Activities $10,852.99
Cost of Used Equipment and Books 75.25
Cost of Merchandise Purchased 187.54
Contributions Made (Note 2) 0
Committee/Administration Operating Expenses:
  Administration 2,292.70
  Conservation 380.55
  Education 0
  Excursions 903.41
  Fairfield County 488.68
  Membership 1,230.79
  Mountaineering 52.80
  Newsletter 1,327.87
  Program 34.06
  Trails 3,027.97
Total Expenditures $20,854.91

Cash at October 31, 1990 $29,795.78

Cash at October 31, 1990:
Cash Held by Treasurer:
Harbor National Bank - Certificate $  0
Harbor National Bank - Checking  10,412.92
The Village Bank - Certificate  14,501.91
Society for Savings - Memorial Account  820.98
Total Held by Treasurer $25,734.91

Cash Held by Committees:
whitewater  1,978.99
Mt. Riga      2,080.88
Total Held by Committees $ 4,060.87
Total Cash $29,795.78

Note 1 - Actual Grants received is $9,665.00 of which $5,223.63 has been expanded to date.

Note 2 - The following 1990 contributions were approved at the September Committee meeting and will be disbursed in November:

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Paul Maresca, Treasurer
CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

This year the Conservation Committee maintained booths at the H.O. Earth Day celebration in Danbury, the very popular jam sessions in Derby, and water slides in Meriden. All three events were well-attended.

Our Conservation Day theme was the "Year of the Forest." Several hikes were offered in various state forests in Connecticut, followed by a potluck supper and program featuring film slides. Chief Forester of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority, Mr. Russell, was the keynote speaker. We also invited Fred Ricketts to give a presentation on "Biology of the Forests." We hope to continue the program next year.

Listed below are the names of members who were active or involved in some way with the Conservation Committee last year. Judy Morosky, Fred Ricketts, Nancy Maffei, and Mary Adams were some of the key members in our activities. The more members that are involved, the stronger our commitment will be towards protecting Connecticut's environment.

Judy Morosky Fred Ricketts Nancy Maffei Mary Adams Sue Ayers John Tolt Bob Dickinson

Don Patterson, Chair

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

We finished the year of 1989 by teaching CPR at the Annual Meeting with 34 people participating in the course and receiving their Red Cross Certification. This was a well-attended class each year. Thank you to our instructors, Jeff O'Donnell, Craig Roslow and Fred Aloia for their donation of time in teaching this course each year.

The first Education Committee meeting of the year was held in February with plans for an outline of the committee's focus for the year. The Education Committee planned to serve as a resource to the Club and other committees in planning membership, planning workshops, seminars and leadership programs and selecting projects off the ground.

In April the Education Committee organized the Committee Recruitment Seminar attended by the chairmen of all the Connecticut Chapter Committees. The focus was on an increasing committee membership and participation. In order for all committee members and club members to be aware of each committee's responsibility, the seminar was held to have each committee submit a "Task List" to the Education Committee to be compiled in a book list format. This book list will be distributed to each committee chair and any club member requesting a copy. Anyone that wants a copy of the "Task List Booklet" should contact: Fred Aloia, 409 New Forest Rd., Enfield, CT 06082.

The Education Committee will again teach the CPR course at the Annual Meeting and will also have a guest speaker teaching a one-hour seminar on "Ortho-Board: Injuries on the Trail." The Education Committee is compiling a "Traveling Board" to be on display at AMC functions. The board will provide information to club members on each committee's function and how AMC members can become more involved.

We welcome new members to the Education Committee. Guest speakers and other people with educational information to share with the Connecticut Chapter are encouraged to contact the committee chair.

Fred Aloia, Chair

EXCURSIONS COMMITTEE

The Excursions Committee coordinates a varied program of day hikes, backpacking, cross-country skiing, bicycling and weekend excursions. The individual activity coordinators have all worked hard to provide a creative mix of events, even at times when interest was limited or circumstances dictated high participation levels. We owe them all a great deal of thanks for their perseverance.

Mary Gorssman, the bulletin editor this year, spent a great deal of time not only typing the activities to submit to Boston, but also scanning time for conformity to Club policy as well as to ensure a good mix of events each day. Jeff O'Donnell continues to maintain Club event statistics on the computer and to generate reports and mailing labels. Mary is still mailin the trip report forms to the club leaders. These tasks take a great deal of time and we should all be very grateful to these individuals for expending so much of their time for the benefit of all of us.

The committee continues to offer hikes and programs to develop new leaders. A day-long workshop led by Anne Bailey and Jeff O'Donnell focusing on leadership styles and techniques is held annually. This year it was extended to include the Berkshire Chapter.

Trip Statistics October 1, 1989 - September 30, 1990

Figures in () indicate weekend trips included. NA = not available.

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Special Activities
The special activities are each headed by a coordinator who maintains a leader's list for that activity and solicits leaders to organize events. This involves a great deal of time. A big thanks to them for their efforts. Their reports and statistics follow.

Weekend Trips Coordinator: Jeri Lyons

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Backpacking Coordinator: Marty Ritter, Jake Kos

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Bicycling Coordinator: Ray Macbeth

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Flatwater Canoeing: Chuck Macbeth

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Blue Trail Series: Steve Brezak

The Blue Trail series continues with Steve Brezak as coordinator. During the past year, 14 hikes were offered covering a total of 105 miles. Thirteen different trails were either partially or totally completed. These include Bigelow Hollow, Chaffinch, Cuckorumct, Jericho, Macedonia, Newton, McLean, New Haven, Ragged Mountain Loop, Sleeping Giant, Sunny Valley Foundation, Tunxis, Westwood and Deer trails.

CT 400 Club: Darryl Borst

Since 1973, records have been kept of people who have hiked all 400 miles of the Connecticut Blue Trails. This year no one completed the trail series, although many hikers have logged a great many miles in that direction.

Monthly Hike Coordinators: January-December, 1990

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FAIRFIELD COUNTY COMMITTEE

The Fairfield County Committee has regained some of the original momentum and enthusiasm and seems to be rapidly growing during 1990.

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Potluck meetings are held every other month, on the second Wednesday, at the Eastern Congregational Church in Easton, Connecticut. Attendance has been steadily increasing at these popular events which feature speakers and slide shows covering outdoor subjects of interest to the members. Attendance at these dinners is generally about 50 persons. They are self-funding.

A major public show was produced featuring Ian West, one of the members of the Peace Trail of Mount Everest in May 1990. Attendance was about 250 persons. Interesting slides and narration by Ian of the spectacular climb was well received. The show was held at TAM school in Fairfield on October 15th.

The show was profitable and made money for the club. It is planned to repeat this larger public effort each fall in the future with a well-known speaker.
A revived committee has been recruited and are enthusiastically helping to build the FCC.

The FCC seems to be on its way, increasing in size, with an enthusiastic and supportive membership.

MOUNTAINEERING COMMITTEE

Last winter we spent New Year's weekend at Cardigan and a weekend at Stowe and the White Mountains. Climbing began early in March, thanks to the mild weather, and we had a good turnout for beginner sessions in April and May.

In June, Dennis Burke, Paul Marasca, and Rick Oristini climbed at Wanton. In August, Dennis, Al Gonzales, and Matt Humes did a night-time climb on Cannon Mtn. in New Hampshire. Dennis also went to Europe to climb the Matterhorn and Mt. Blanc, and Paul and Maria Scarpas climbed eight 14,000 footers in the Cascades.

Paul Marasca, Chris Kimball, and Frank Daily are working with the Whitefield Parks and Rec. Dept. to possibly build a climbing wall in the former High School. It would be great for winter and wet weather climbing.

Committee members:

- Bruce Cobleigh
- Chris Kimball
- Don Neibling
- Maria Scarpas
- Ed Budziki, Chair
- Paul Marasca
- Paul Scarpas
- Dave Counis
- Randy Freier
- Toby Moore
- Peter Brownstein
- Rosebud Jacques
- Glen Perlmutter
- Leona Kliner
- Bill McDonald
- Diana Donnelly
- Mary Ann Cross
- Liz Schoop
- Chuck MacMullin
- Dorothy Kalavac
- Janet Wade
- Priscilla Briggs
- Bill Russell

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

The CT Chapter grew by over 100 memberships this past year, bringing the total to 426. Several membership-sponsored activities were led by Betty Robinson, Jeri Lyons, Norm Wingateley, and Trish Niece. It was our goal to build up our membership and participation in the Eastern part of the state.

A new member hiking weekend was held at Camp Wicomico in southwestern MA in May. Many of the participants were new members and had quite a workout hiking in the Appalachian Trail.

Joining the committee as Membership contacts were David Gilman, Norwich, Heidi Parchmann, Rocky Hill; and Martine Flory, Groton. At this annual membership meeting, we encourage all new members to contact their contact and let us help them become involved in Chapter activities.

The annual New Members' Day was held September 22nd. Many activities were set up as scheduled in spite of very wet weather. Many thanks to the activity leaders who helped make the day a success. Wearing 'green tags' forty-nine new members joined in the evening festivities in Groton. A special thanks to Anne Bailey for her super slide show.

Many thanks, also, to the following AMC members active on the Membership Committee during the past year:

- Anne Bailey
- Kate Clayton
- Larry Hardy
- Denis King
- Heidi Parchmann
- Lorainne Schneiter

- Peter Brownstein
- David Gilman
- Paul Hermsa
- Jeri Lyons
- Betty Robinson
- Carol Cinnaman

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Our committee has continued to serve the chapter by putting on four potluck suppers, the Spring Dinner, and the Annual Meeting. We provided the program for the New England Potluck, when Joan Tait showed slides of Iceland, 'The Land of Fire and Ice.' At the Spring Dinner, when Bill Russell showed slides on 'Sailing along the Turkish Coast,' an AMC excursion, and at the Annual Meeting when Sonny Martinaus and Roger Zimmerman recreated their 'Take a hike: Hunt to hut in the Zillertal Alps of Austria.'

The Annual Meeting on December 2, 1989 at the Dye Inn in Meriden (formerly the Yale Inn), consisted of a CPR course in the morning, a workshop led by chapter committee members in the afternoon, and an evening banquet program. A total of 277 people joined us for dinner, and 61 others came only in the
afternoon, we netted about $400 on the book and used equipment sales. We were fortunate to have been able to use the Third Congregational Church in Middletown and the Church of Christ Congregational in Essex for our four potlucks. The Spring Dinner was held at the Cheshire Orange in Cheshire. We are always on the lookout for suitable facilities for our meetings.

We welcome additional members to our committee, even to help out at only one or two events. Our committee members worked faithfully and were responsible for the smooth operation of our activities. We also acknowledge the help of many others who pitched in from time to time in the best "Apple" tradition.

Active Committee Members:

Lueila Barta
Richard Barta
Edgar Dreger
Ray Dreger
Melvina Gould
Delia Hall
Rogier Hall
Martin Jacobs
Dave Jenkins

Iona Malin
Irving Miller
Billie Morrow
Wilford Parker
Walt Parchmann
Carol Simmon
Judy Snyder
Merri Swanson

Gordon Gaulin, Chair

MT. RIGA COMMITTEE

This last year has been busy, once again, at the Northwest Camp. The cabin use increased to 92 registered nights with many people stopping in off the trail to rest and visit. The Northwest Camp also offered this year a new tent platform located several hundred feet south of cabin.

The Woodcutting Party on Nov. 12 saw an excellent turnout of manpower. The cabin was also renovated with new cabinets, counter, table, stove, two more bunks, and a skylight in loft area.

The cabin was popular again during the winter for hiking, cross-country skiing, and snowshoeing. The 8-10k hike and ski on March 10, turned out to be a hike sponsored by the CT Scenic Trail and the Mt. Riga Committee. Our Sugarloaf Party on March 11th, was fun, despite rain and no snow.

The Spring work-party on May 19th was productive. Everyone worked hard to rebuild the picnic table, build and install the tent platform, and make other repairs. Many thanks to Dan Magri, Rob Parlee, Karl Holstein, all of the Mt. Riga Committee and all our friends of the N.W. Camp who helped out this past year with their dedicated work and support.

On June 9th, Family Day, there was a fun hike up to Brace Mt. to enjoy the spectacular views followed by a Barbecue at the N.W. Camp. Susan Ives' chili was enjoyed by all. On September 22, New Members Day, we had our Cabin warming. Approx. 30 people showed up to enjoy the cabin, dry out from the rain and have some hot food. On November 1, we held our Annual Woodcutting Work Party to restock and prepare for the winter. In December a Christmas Caroling hike to the N.W. Camp was held.

This past year has been exciting and challenging with new activities and work-parties. We invite all chapter members to use the cabin/tent platform. Remember the Northwest Camp is located in one of the nicest areas in Connecticut, a great starting point for leading full or half day hikes.

Please contact the Mt. Riga Committee for information or see the AMC Bulletin for details and upcoming events.

John Hicks
Col. A. H. Shookus
Harp Van Winkle
Tom Nichols
Chuck MacKeth
Ted Hinchorn
Rodger Kennedy
Dan Magri
Chuck Doll
Steve Thompson
Steve Stein

Dave Terry
John Rex
Rod Parlee
Carl Holstein
Dave Santon
Keith Larson
Tom Luckinwich
Marlene Kuoche
Rich Lufetti
Susan Ives

Paul Ives, Chair

TRAILS COMMITTEE

Over the past year the Trails Committee and the many associated volunteers have successfully carried out the delegated responsibilities of maintaining and managing the national Appalachian Scenic Trail in CT. The result has been a busy, productive and challenging year.

Major credit goes to the various volunteers who accept regular assignments and day-by-day responsibilities as members of the Management Team. In 1990 this included 21 trail maintainers, persons responsible for basic maintenance of specific sections of the A.T.; and associated Blue Trails: 22 land monitors; persons who oversee specific units of the nearly 7,000 acres of corridor land in CT; and 12 guides, persons who meet the public at trail heads and at specific trail locations during the busy weekends of the educational and public relations component. Add to this our Silver Hill Committee, the various volunteers in other leadership positions and the Trails Committee and you round out this vital management roster.
In addition to the ongoing work of these volunteers, 88 work parties took place with an average attendance of 7.3 persons and a total 3551 volunteer hours last year. These activities involved major field work, up from 3187 hours the year prior. The activities covered many projects such as trail maintenance, land management, and campsite improvements. Some specific projects included:

- A trails improvement project on the Rockwell Trail.
- A maintenance project on the Bingham Trail.
- A campsite improvement project on the Sachuest Trail.

In addition to the work parties, several workshops were offered for volunteers, including:

- A workshop on trail maintenance techniques.
- A workshop on land management practices.
- A workshop on safety for volunteers.

The participation in these activities was very high, with a total of 212 volunteers involved, representing a wide range of interests and skills. The volunteers also enjoyed the camaraderie and social interaction that these activities provided.

The Oyster River Trail Committee is grateful to all its members and volunteers for their hard work and dedication to preserving the natural beauty of the region. Their contributions are essential to the continued success of our trail system.
WHITENESS COMMITTEE

CT AMC whitewater leaders conducted 90 trips in February through October 1980. A tentative schedule is prepared in October each year for the following year. Anticipated availability must include conditions created by dam releases, ice break-up, snow melt, and low water as the year progresses. As the various conditions change, the schedule is rearranged. Inclement trips can be helpful especially after heavy rain, but only after the trip and its leader are approved by the committee. Trip information is placed on the "Hot Line", 203-582-6975. The Hot Line committee is headed by Dick Plofski. This info line is used extensively.

Paddlers are safety conscious. Each trip is lead by an approved, competent, rated leader. Most state laws require that each person have a flotation device or vest above the water craft. We require that each person wear a PFD (personal flotation device). Closed boat paddlers and advanced canoe paddlers also wear helmets. Trip leaders require that paddlers have sufficient skills, proper equipment, and warm clothing to participate.

Whitewater rivers are rated as Class II, III, or IV, or V. The rivers are detailed in AMC and other river guides. Paddlers are also rated II, III, IV according to their ability. The ratings are defined in the AMC Whitewater rivers and most other whitewater groups. The CT AMC rating committee, headed by Tom Plofski, advances appropriately skilled persons to new levels after receiving evaluations from trip leaders.

Several training sessions were offered during the year:
- Class II, a two day overnight training and practice session.
- Solo Paddling clinic.
- New member day Whitewater experience.
- Whitewater Sampler for AMC members who want a taste of whitewater, paddling with one of our rated members.

The Class II and Sampler sessions were headed by Laurie Loud Komoritz. Rolling by Ed Chase; Solo by Tom Plofski; New Member Day by Dick Plofski. The Whitewater Committee maintains tandem and solo open canoes. A kayak, a C2 double boat, tandem canoe. We furnish open canoes for instruction sessions and rent them for modest fees to whitewater and paddlers but on official AMC trips.

Trips are run in all six New England States, in NY, PA, and WV each year. Most paddlers learn skills, safety, and techniques in tandem open canoes. Many, as their skills advance, become solo paddlers, using a kayak, open solo canoe, or C2 similar to a kayak, paddled in a rowing position with a single-ended paddle.

The Whitewater group charges $1 per person per trip. This provides funds for meals, functions, and equipment. The group participates in the chapter but is financially independent.

ALL AMC members are invited to attend Class II training or the Sampler in 1981.

CT AMC Whitewater Committee Members:
- Ed Chase
- Kent Heidenreich
- Herb Komoritz
- Laurie Loud Komoritz
- Jim Larkin
- Ray Larkin
- Bill MacDonald
- Ed Boscom, Chair

"AMC IN CONNECTICUT"

CONNECTICUT CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

The Connecticut Chapter Newsletter, "AMC in Connecticut", was published twice in 1980. Conservation was the theme for the April issue with Earth Day and other events emphasized. Williams '91 was highlighted and an Education Committee Survey Form was presented. The October issue devoted principally to the Annual Meeting. Chapter By-Laws revision was discussed and further information was provided on Williams '91. Each issue contained committee reports and other chapter information.

Publication and distribution of "AMC in Connecticut" depends upon the help of many volunteers. Thanks to all who submitted articles and information for the newsletter and to Jeff O'Donnell for providing the sharp laser produced copy used to print the newsletter. Thank you to all the interested, hard working and cheerful mailing party people who came to work and to get the newsletters addressed (as well as to enjoy Martha's cookies). A special thanks to my wife, Martha, who hosted our parties again this year.

Mailing Party Volunteers:
- June Michaud
- Don Patterson
- Sally O'Connell
- Sue Harby
- Martha Donachie
- Charlie Dorm
- Laurie Porto
- Chris Johnson

Carol Rudert
Jeri Lyons
Alice Carter
Bucky Harby
Ray Dorm
Kathy Cotter
Bob Dickinson

Matt Donachie, Editor
NOMINATING COMMITTEE

A special thanks is given to the members of the nominating committee for their diligence in putting together the 1991 slate.

Elaine Luckey
Anne Millbrooke
Carolyn Olsen
Carl Rosenthal
Ledge Clayton, Chair

NOMINATIONS FOR 1991 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

In accordance with the Chapter by-laws, the nominating committee is pleased to present the following slate for 1991:

Chairman        Jeff O'Donnell
Secretary       Kathleen Wright
Treasurer       Paul Maresca
Conservation    Judy Snyder
Education       Francine Aloisa
Excursions      Merri Swanson
Fairfield County Trevor Thomas
Membership      Bill Russell
                Janet DiMattia
Mountaineering  Trish Niece
                Don Reichler
Mt. Riga         Paul Ives
Program         Gordon Gaulin
Trails          Doug Christie
Whitewater      Steve Sokoloski
Members-at-large Ken Richardson
Past Chair      Mary Dorpalen
                Glen Parchmann